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**MAYOR EMANUEL WELCOMES THE AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA,
ARUN KUMAR SINGH TO CHICAGO**

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today welcomed to Chicago the Indian Ambassador to the United States Arun Kumar Singh to Chicago. Mayor Emanuel and Ambassador Singh had a fruitful conversation where they discussed their ongoing commitment to promote economic development between Chicago and India and finding new ways to strengthen ties with Delhi, Chicago's Sister City since 2001.

"I am pleased to welcome Ambassador Singh to Chicago," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. "The Ambassador and I had a productive meeting centered on expanding our partnership and building upon opportunities for greater economic growth. This partnership will not only fuel bilateral economic development but adds to Chicago's place as a center of the global economy."

Ambassador Singh recently assumed charge as Ambassador of the Republic of India to the United States in April of 2015. A previous Ambassador of India in France, he has held various diplomatic assignments in among others Israel, Moscow, Tokyo and Washington D.C.

India is one of Chicago's larger trading partners with more than 30 India companies in the City of Chicago and over 60 Chicago-headquartered companies with operations in India. Total trade between Chicago and India amounted to \$2 billion in 2014. Additionally, more than 25,000 Indians live within the City of Chicago.

Since taking office in 2011, Mayor Emanuel has committed to improving Chicago's international relationships, meeting with dignitaries from Britain, Germany, Mexico, China, Korea and Poland among many other nations.

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Photo Credit: Mayor Emanuel Welcomes to Chicago Arun Kumar Singh, Indian Ambassador to the United States.

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